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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum recommends action

2. Regarding your speech for tomorrow the first paragraph on page 6 might better read, "Today, February 25, is the tenth anniversary of the take-over of Czechoslovakia by Communism. On this date in 1947 Benes appointed Communists to the key posts in his cabinet. Not a shot was fired. It was not guided missiles but the so-called 'guided democracy' which did the trick."

3. It is further recommended that a final sentence on Page 11, read somewhat as follows: "It is not within my sphere of activity to present the American situation in contrast to the Russian threat of subversion and political and economic penetration. Our Gountry, in association with the rest of the free world, however, has tremendous assets, moral, military, economic and political that give us a predominant posture compared with the Communist bloc. We in America, and our allies of the Free World, must maintain that advantage -- and we will."

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